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SUBJ: LOS: CONSULTATIONS ON CONFERENCE DATES

1. SBC CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE MET WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP 2 NOV. TO DISCUSS DATES FOR LOS CONF. AMERASINGHE STATED THAT AFTER PROLONGED CONSULTATIONS WITH GA PRES. AND SECRETARIAT THE FOLLOWING ARE CLOSEST FEASIBLE DATES TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN LOS RES ADOPTED BY COMITE I.

A. INAUGURAL SESSION CONVEENE PM 30 NOV. AND HOLD ONE MEETING DAILY 3, 5, 6 AND 7 DEC. AND TWO MEETINGS DAILY FROM 10 DEC. ONWARDS. UK, FRANCE, SOVS AND OTHERS OBJECTED TO OPENING SESSION FRIDAY AFTERNOON CAUSING EARLY ARRIVAL OF DELS AND WEEKEND IN NEW YORK. CHILE AND OTHERS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN), NOTED EXPECTATION THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE DURING WEEK OF 26 NOV. WHICH MIGHT SOLVE PROBLEMS ON DRAFT RULES BEFORE CONF OPENS. CHILE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SOME AFS EXPRESSED HOPE CONF COULD END BY 10 DEC.

B. SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF 10 WEEKS 18 JUNE TO 24 AUG. RESTRICTED SERVICES DURING FIRST 3 WEEKS AS FOLLOWS:

18-28 JUNE, 2 SESSIONS AM, 2 SESSIONS PM WITH INTERPRETATION AND SUMMARY RECORDS; 1-5 JULY, 3 SESSIONS AM, 3 SESSIONS PM BUT NO SUMMARYHRECORDS. 8 JULY-24 AUG. FULL SERVICES FOR 4 MEETINGS EACH SESSION. CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION THAT ADDITIONAL (11TH) WEEK (26-30 AUG.) IS AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS DESIRED TO USE IT WAS VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED BY SOVS, PERU AND AFS AND WITHDRAWN.

2. DESPITE CHAIRMAN'S PLEA THAT ABOVE PROPOSAL WAS DELICATE COMPROMISE AND WOULD EVEN REQUIRE RESCHEDULING CONF ON PRESCRIPTION TO 20 MAY -14 JUNE AND UNCITRAL MEETING TO 13-17 MAY TO ACCOMMODATE LOS CONF, CONSULTATIVE GROUP DEGENERATED INTO BICKERING SESSION. (CHAIR ALSO APPEALED TO DELS TO URGE GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH ABOVE RESCHEDULINT.) MEXICO AND PERU INSISTED ON FULL SERVICES, NOTED CONFLICT WITH OTHER COMMITMENTS AND URGED CONF CONVENE 2 JULY. AF GROUP INSISTED CONF BEGIN NOT LATER THAN 18 JUNE. SOVS AND EES INSISTED ON CONSULTATIONS WITHIN GROUPS BEFORE DECISION TAKEN. DESPITE FURTHER APPEAL FROM USYG STAVROPOULOS AND VENEZUELAN (HOST) THAT DECISION BE MADE, GROUP DID NOT AGREE. AMERASINGHE THEN TURNED PROBLEM OVER TO CO-SPONSORS AND ENDED MEETING. NEXT CONSULTATIVE GROUP SCHEDULED 0930 5 NOV. 3. DURING MEETING USYG STAVROPOULOS STATED THAT ENGLISH TEXT OF REPORT OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WOULD REACH ACABQ CHAIRMAN TODAY AND TRANSLATIONS BY 6 NOV. IF ACABQ CAN TAKE ITEM AS PRIORITY AND NOT CONFLICT WITH UNEF ITEM LOS RES MAY REACH PLENARY BY 8 OR 9 NOV. IF IT CONFLICTS WITH UNEF, PLENARY ACTION PROBABLE AROUND 14 NOV.

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